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HEDGEHOG'S BEST FRIEND TAILS HAS FOUND SOME FINNY FREEDOM FIGHTER FRIENDS ON HIS WAY TO STOP ROBOTNIK'S LATEST SCHEME...



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SHEESH! MY NAME TAKES UP THE WHOLE PANEL!

HE TRACKED THE BLIMP, BATTLED DEADLY SWATBOTS!

AFTER WHICH, HE ENCOUNTERED HIS OLD ENEMY OCTOBOT, WHOM HE EASILY DEFEATED!

ALONG THE WAY, HE BEFRIENDED THE FORTY FATHOMS FREEDOM FIGHTERS!



RAY

BIVALVE

P.B. JELLYFISH

BOTTLENOSE

AND FLUKE THE BLUE WHALE WHOM OUR HERO IS CURRENTLY CARRYING TO DOWNUNDA!

LET'S REJOIN THE "PHENOM PHOX..."

HMM... I'M TAKING A FEW LIBERTIES WITH THE "FACTS" IN MY COMIC BOOK... IT'S NOT REALLY HISTORICALLY ACCURATE!



THAT'S OKAY, TAILS... NEITHER WAS POCOHONTAS!

HIYA, RAY! SORRY IF I DIDN'T GIVE YOU ENOUGH CREDIT!

SPLOOT!



ACTUALLY, I STUMBLED ACROSS ROBOTNIK'S PLAN WHILE FIGHTING FIONA!* AND IF NOT FOR YOU AND YOUR PALS, OCTOBOT WOULD'VE DROWNED ME!



PLUS, FLUKE'S BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO BRING ME TO DOWNUNDA SINCE MY SUBMARINE, THE SEA FOX, HAS BEEN SCUTTLED!

HANG ON, KID... HE'S BREATHING!



* TAILS MET FIONA THE ROBOT IN "GROWING PAINS" SEE SONIC #288-295F.

WE'RE NOT IN THIS FOR CREDIT, TAILS... WE JUST WANT TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR MISSION!

THANKS, BIG BLUE!

LAND HO, GUYS!



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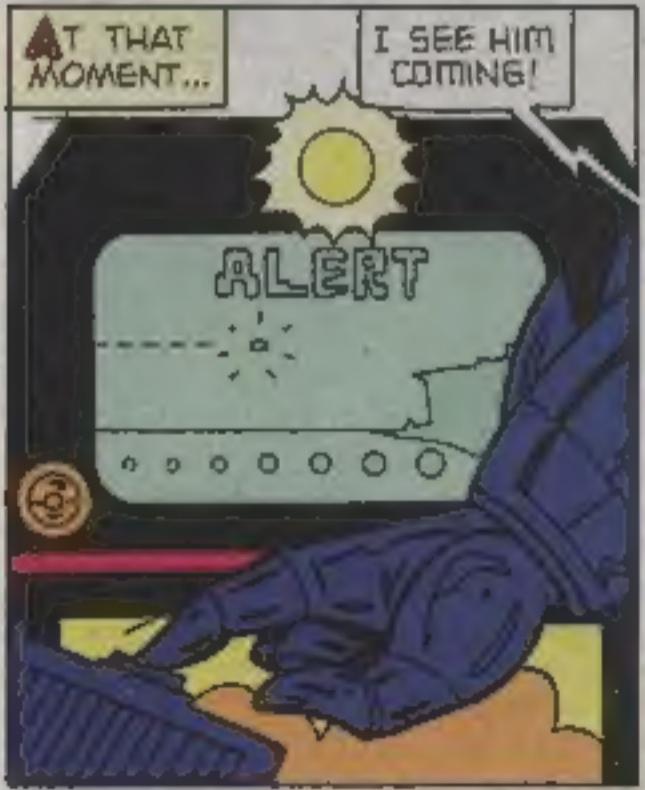
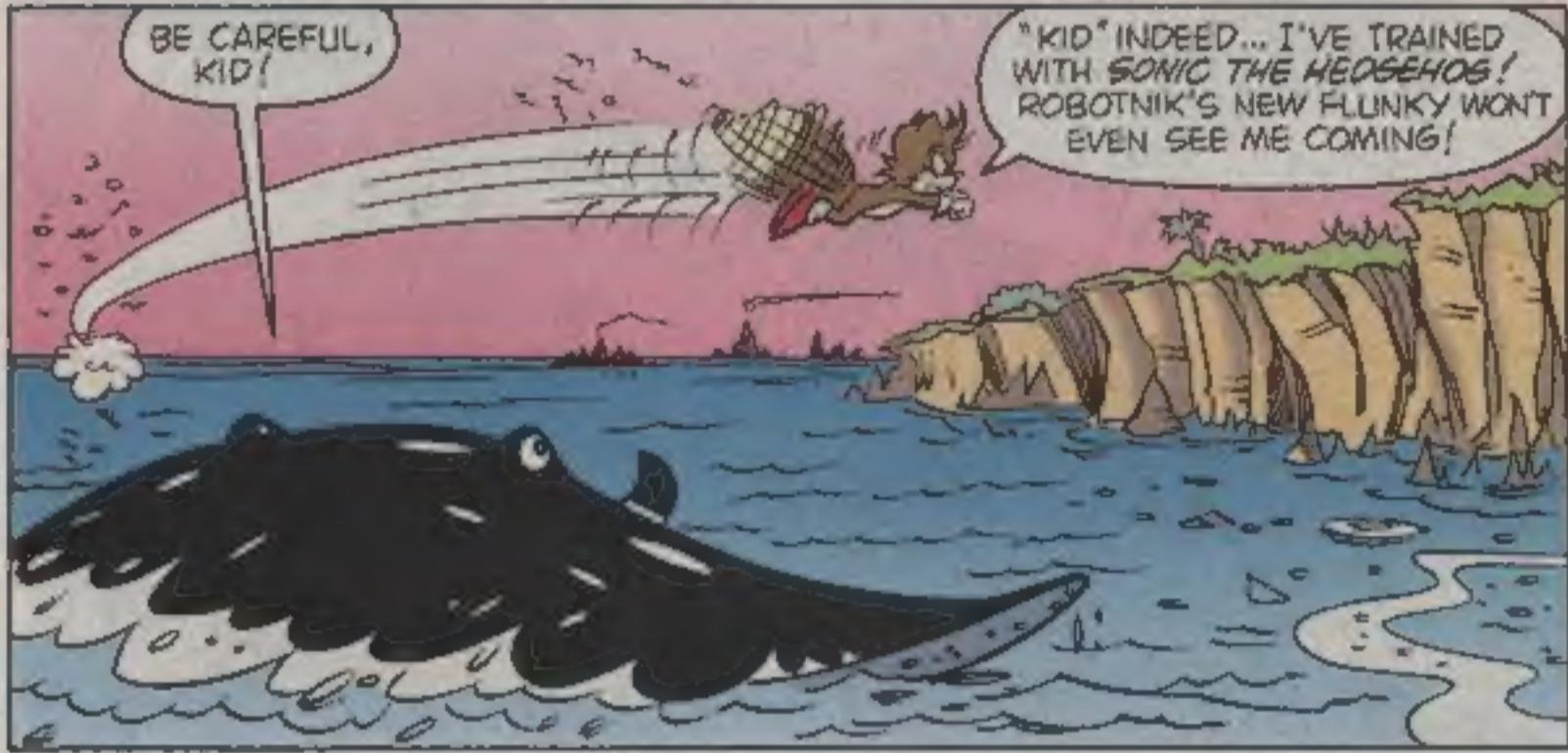
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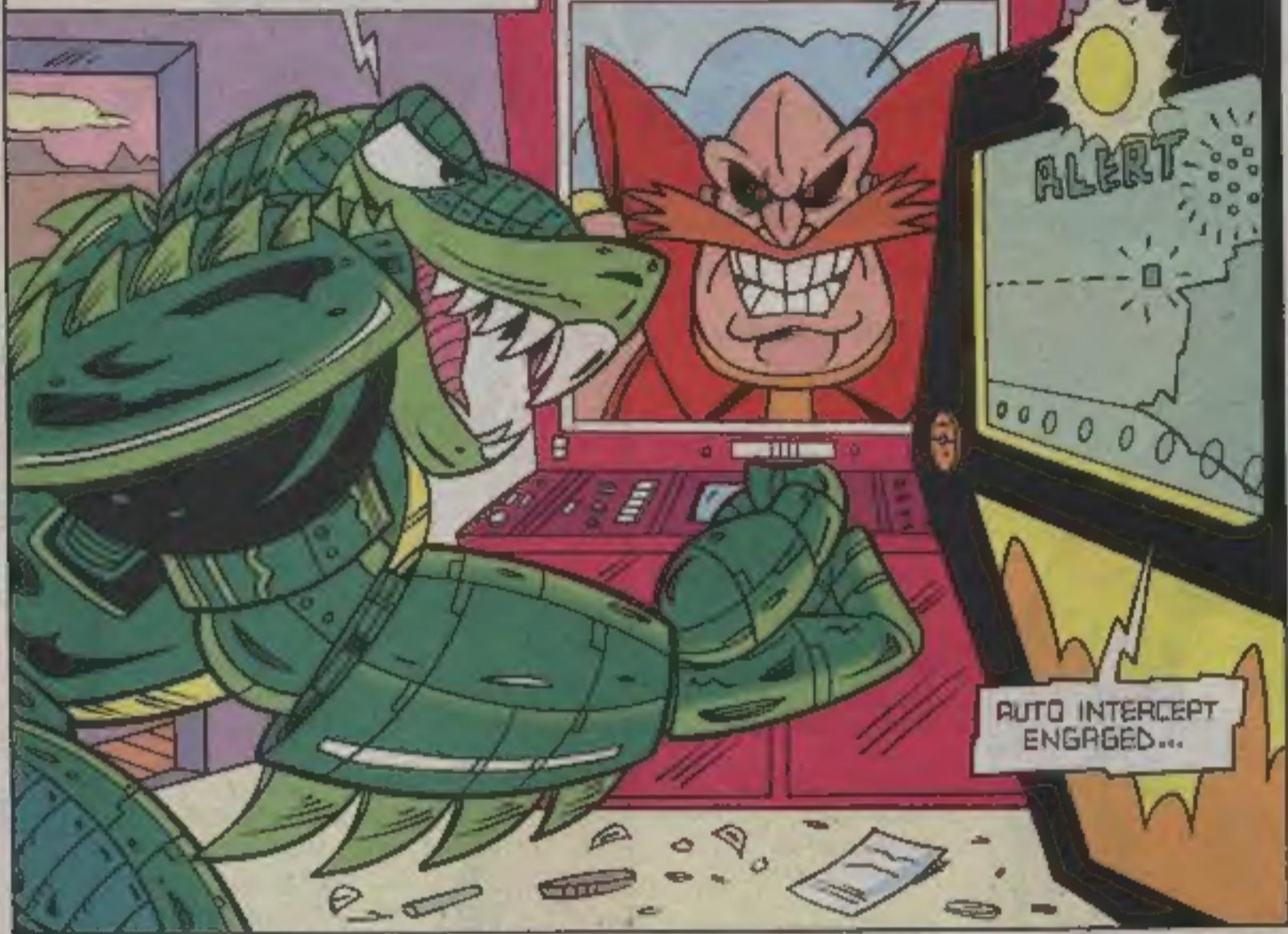
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CROCBOT ISN'T ABOUT TO LET SOME HOT SHOT HERO INTERFERE WITH THE DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES I'M GETTING FROM YOU, ROBOTNIK!

I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT, MY SCALY UNDERBOSS!



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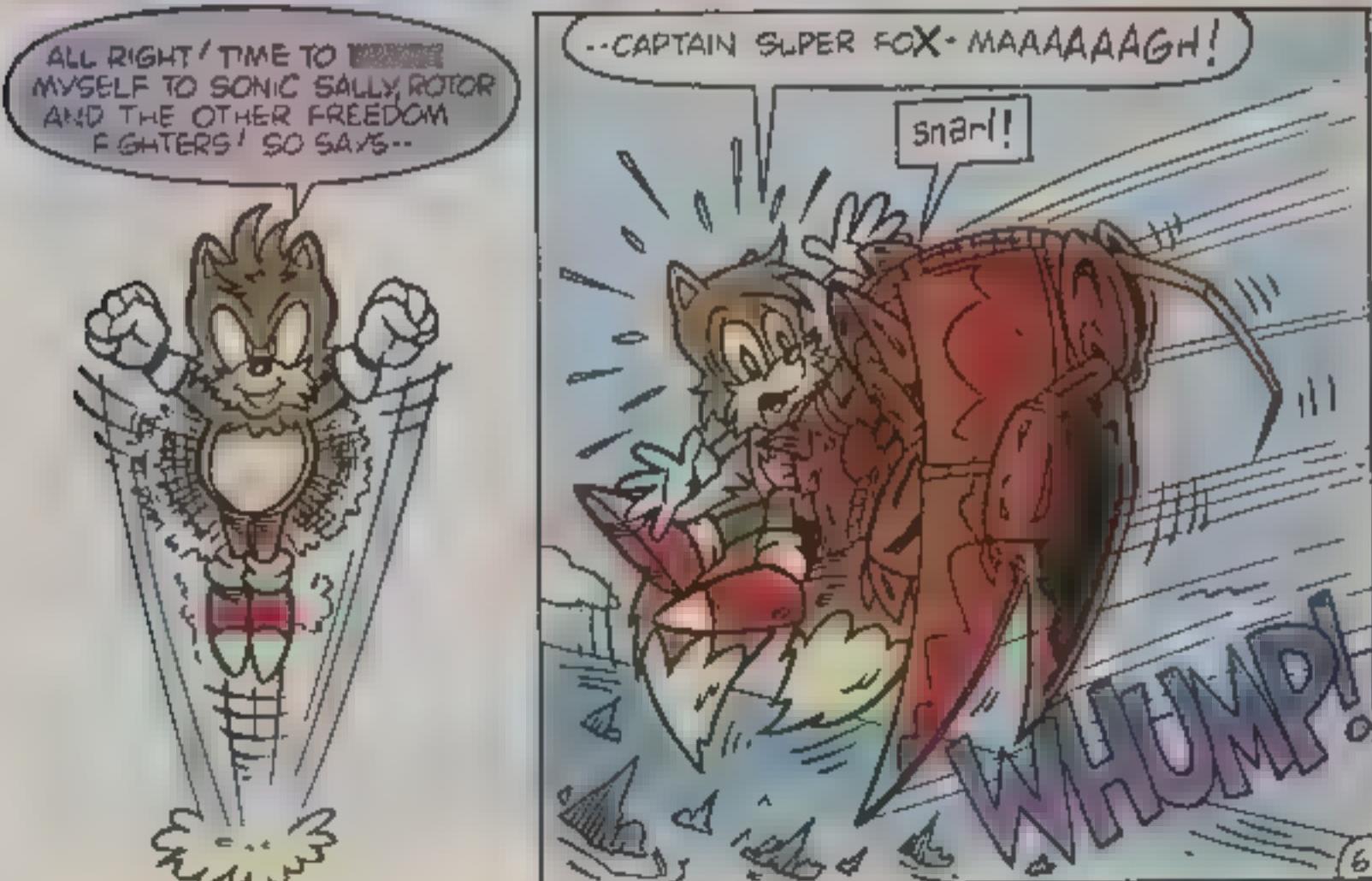
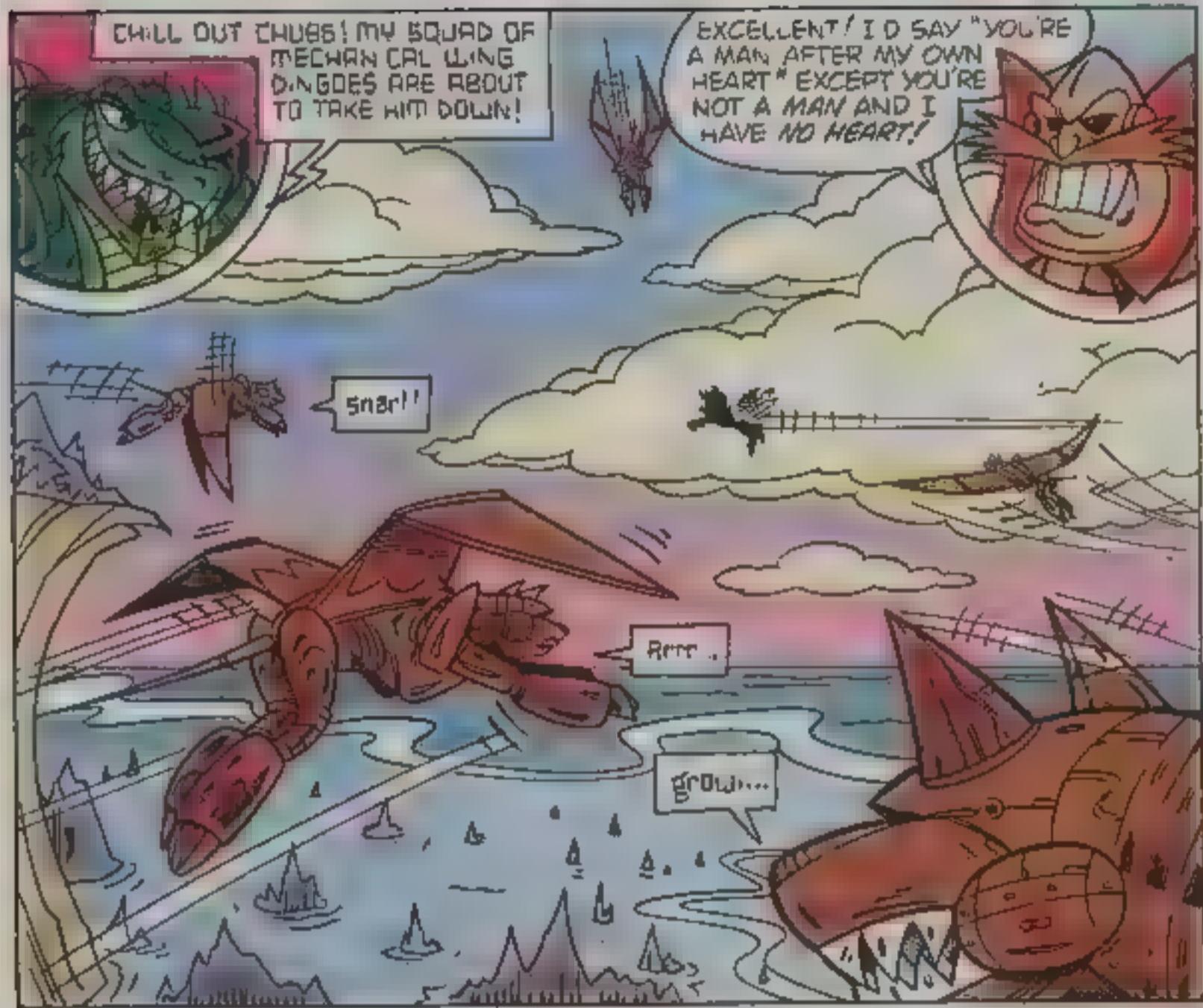
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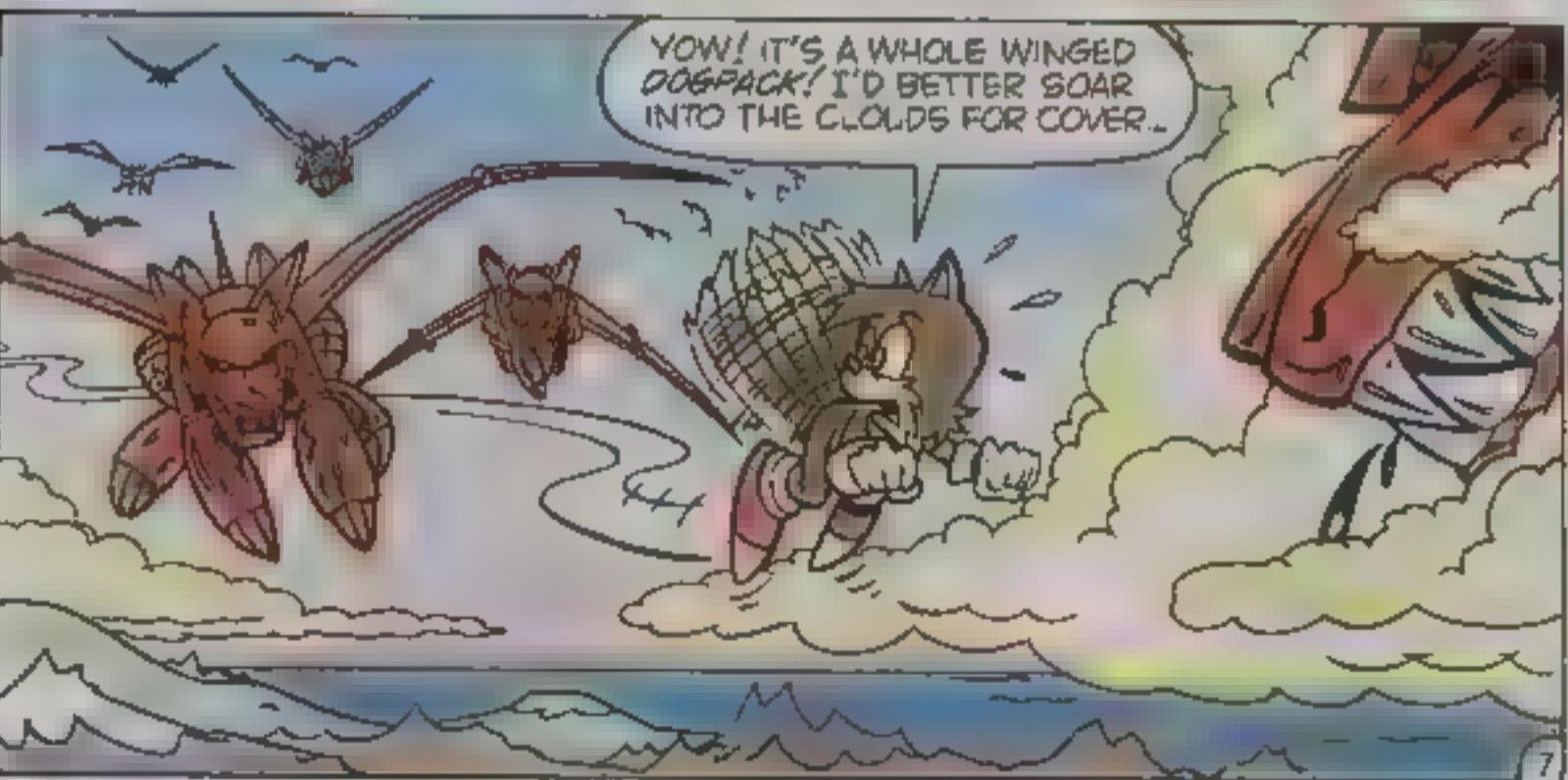
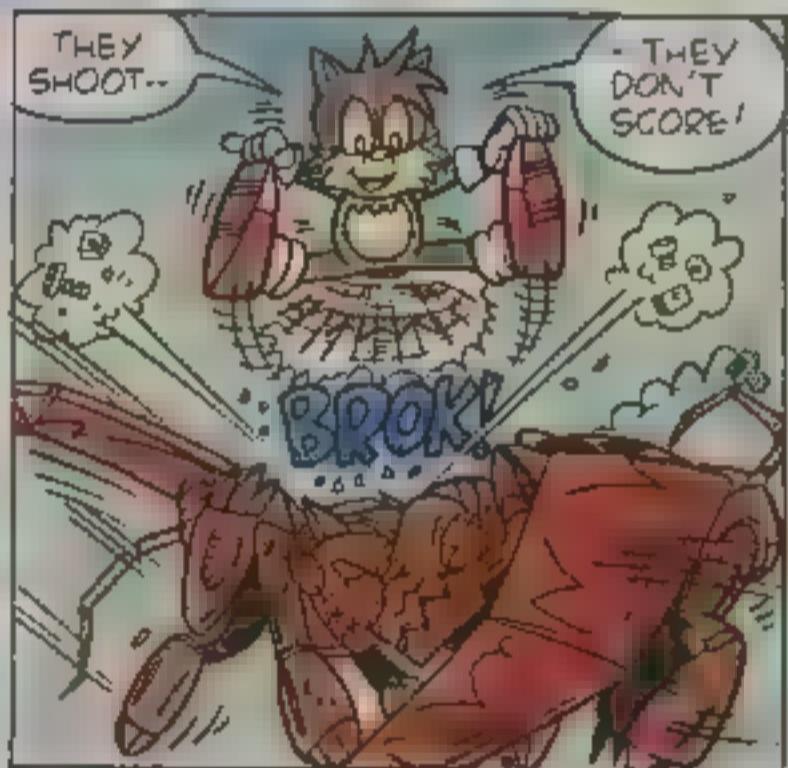
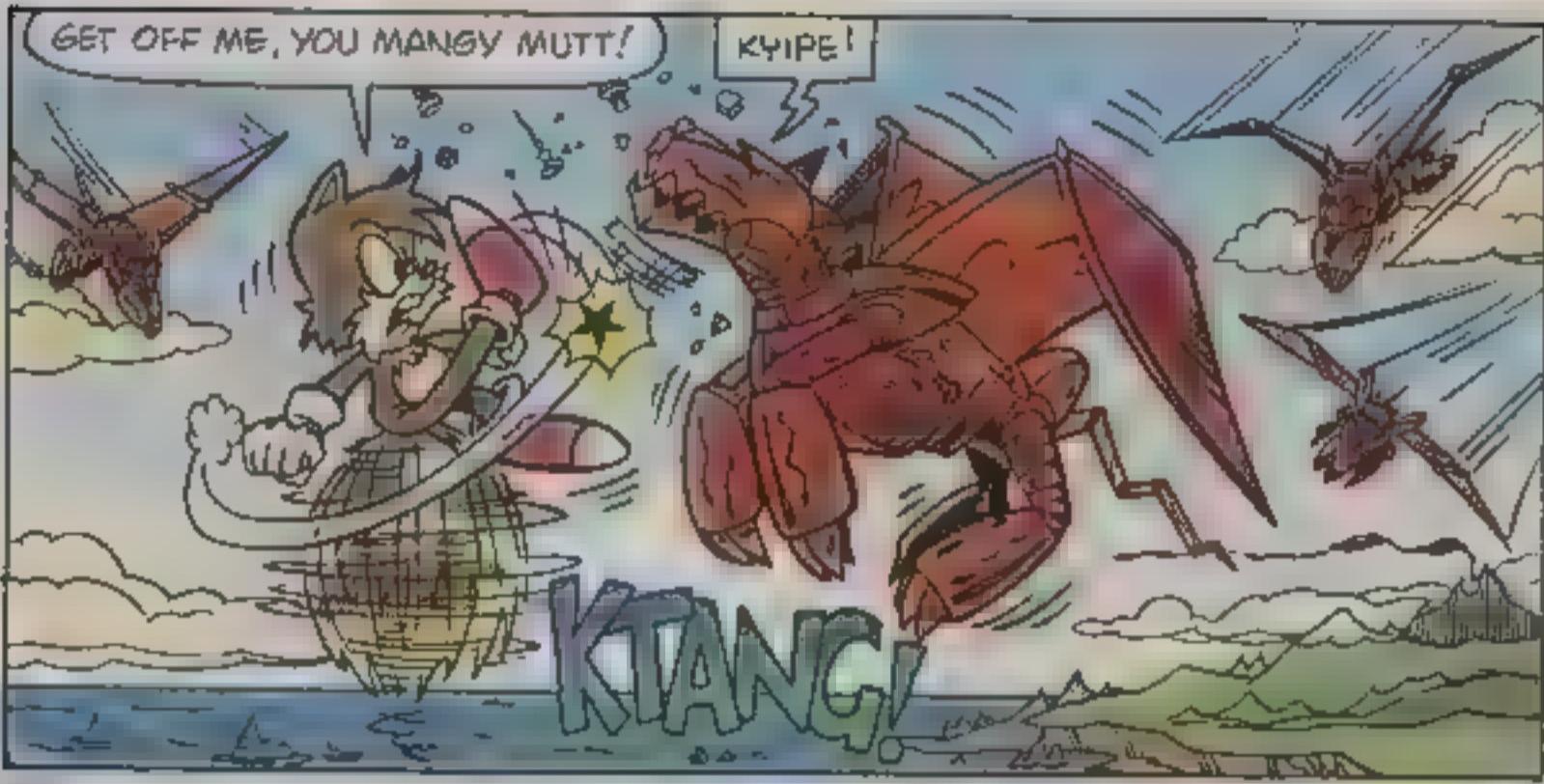
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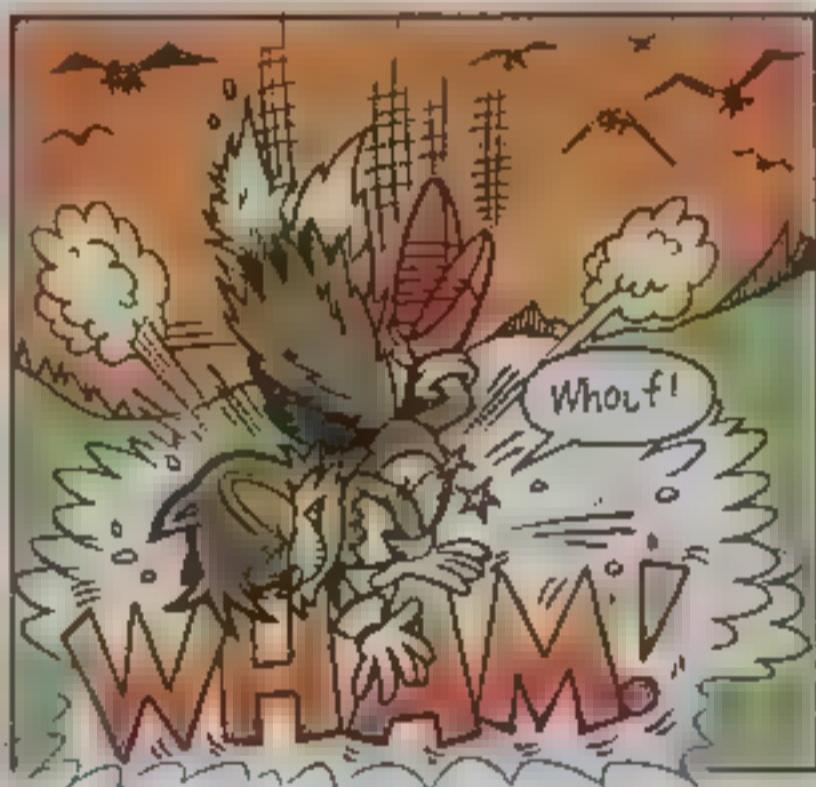
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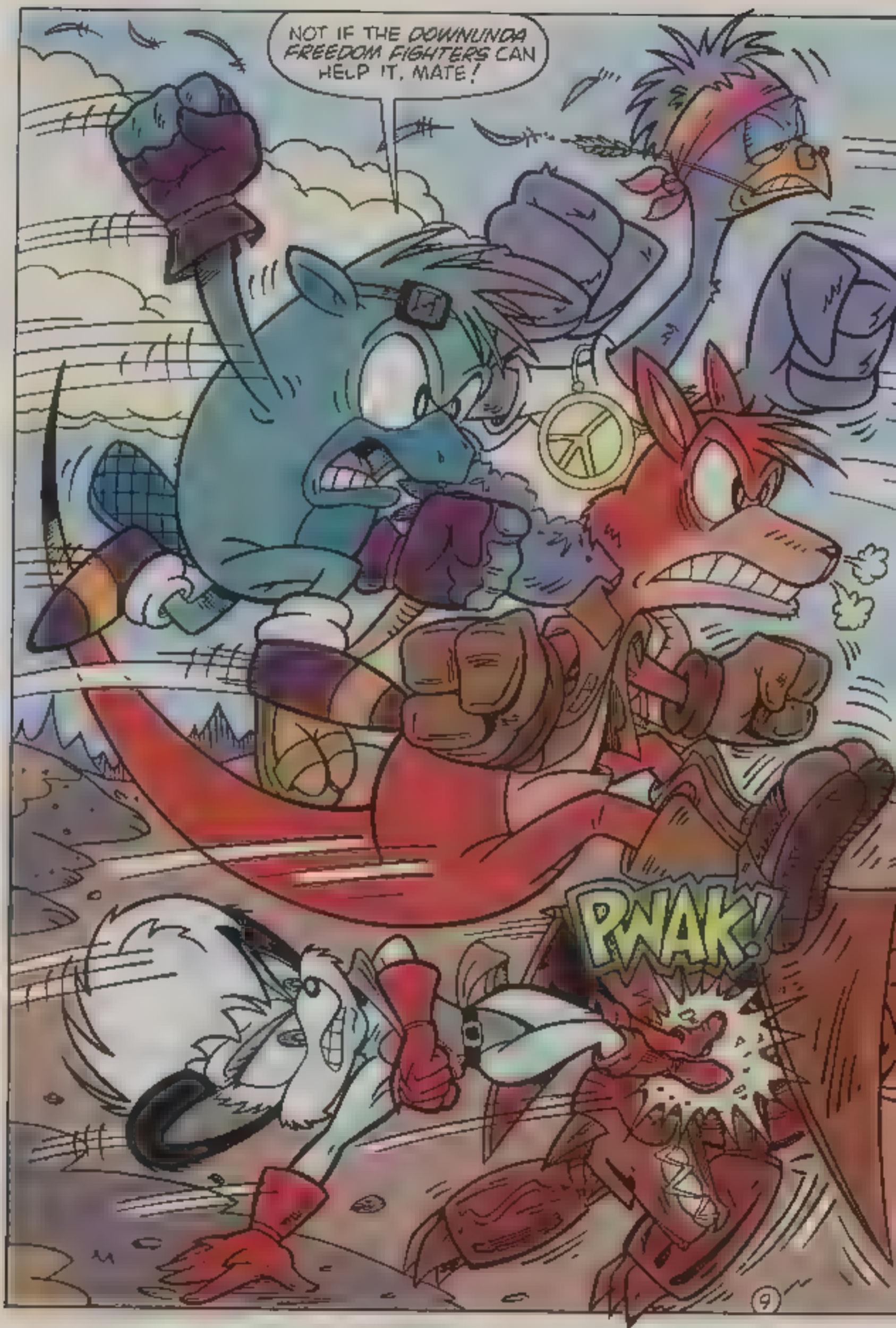
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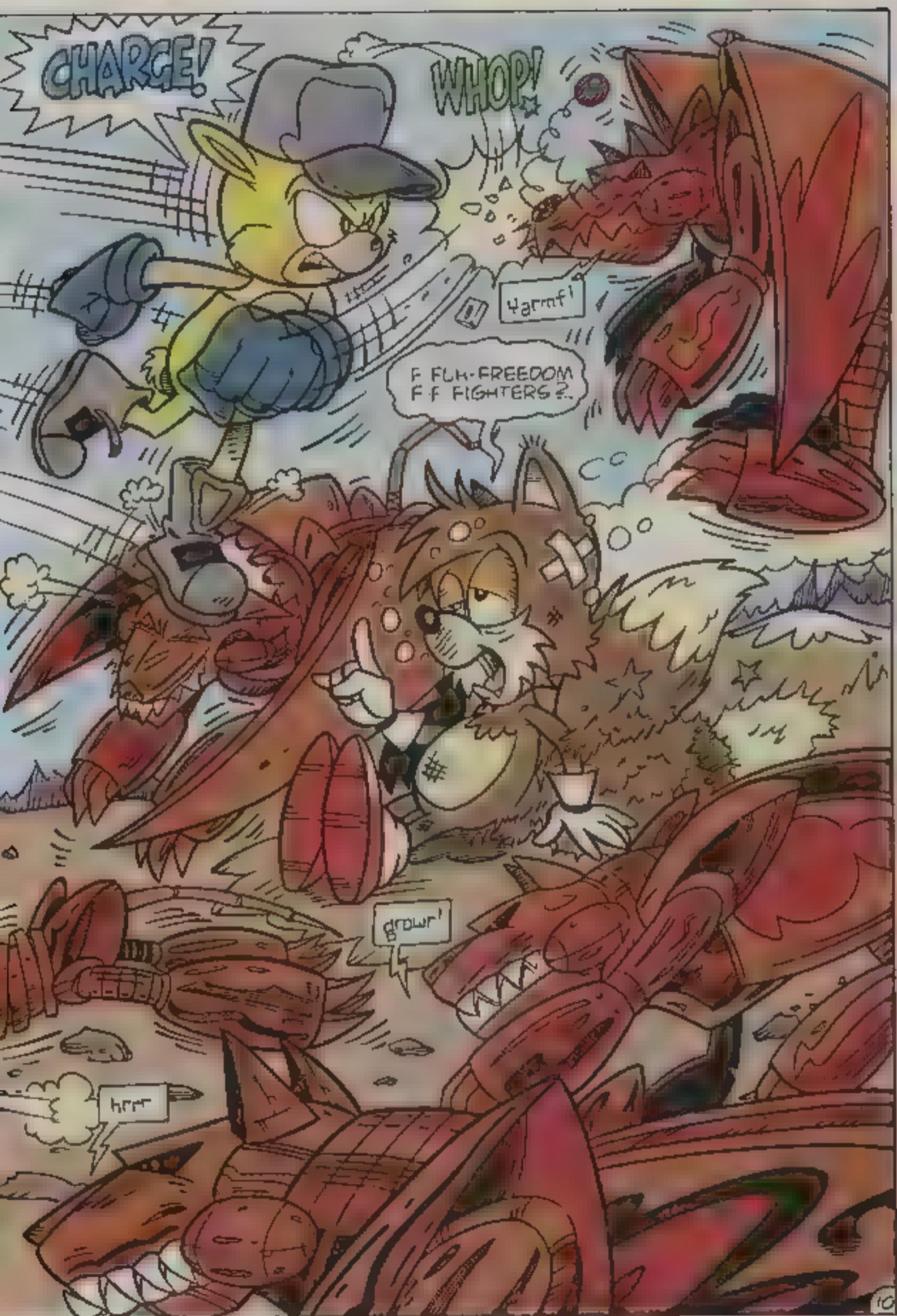


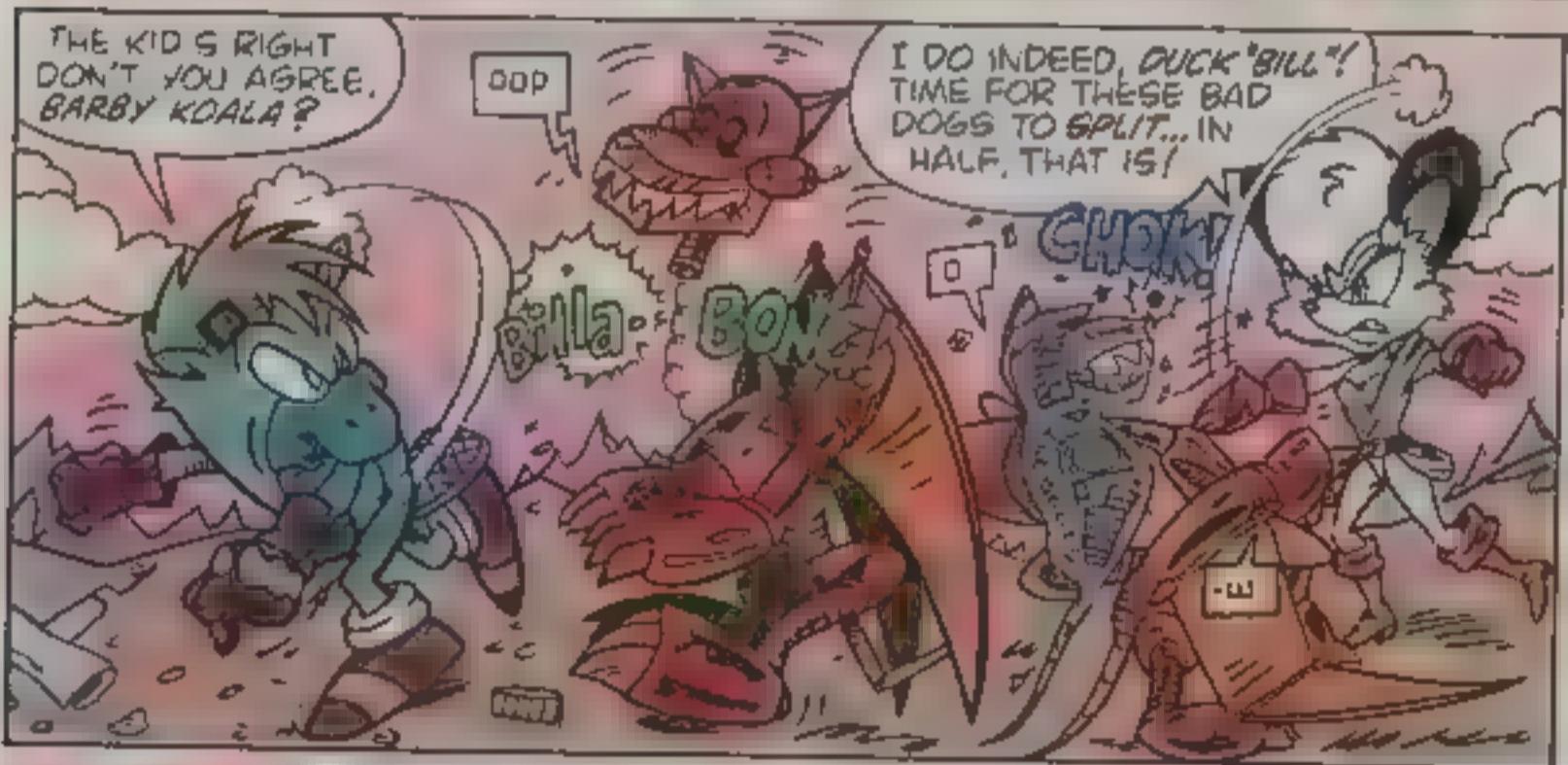
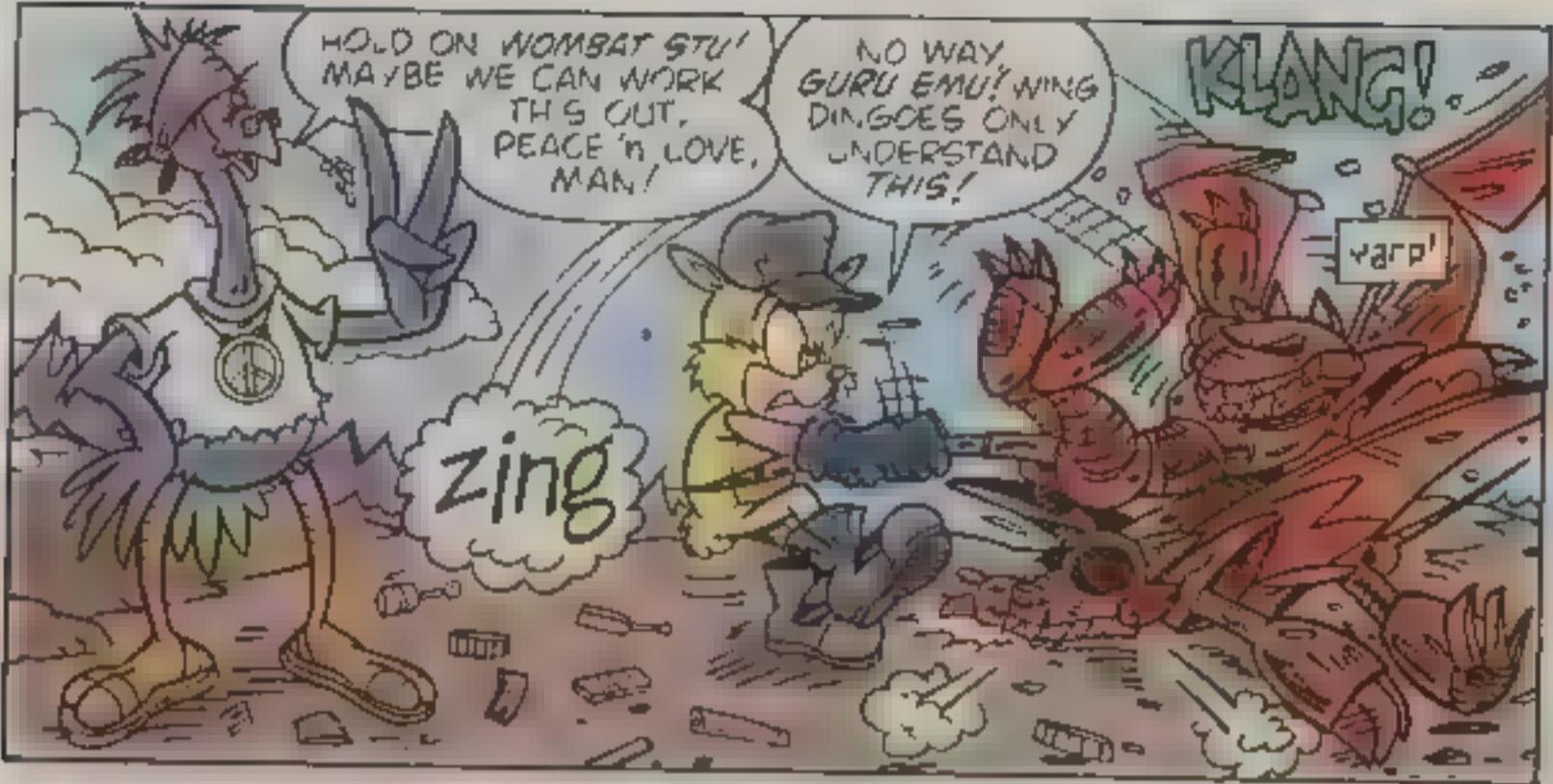


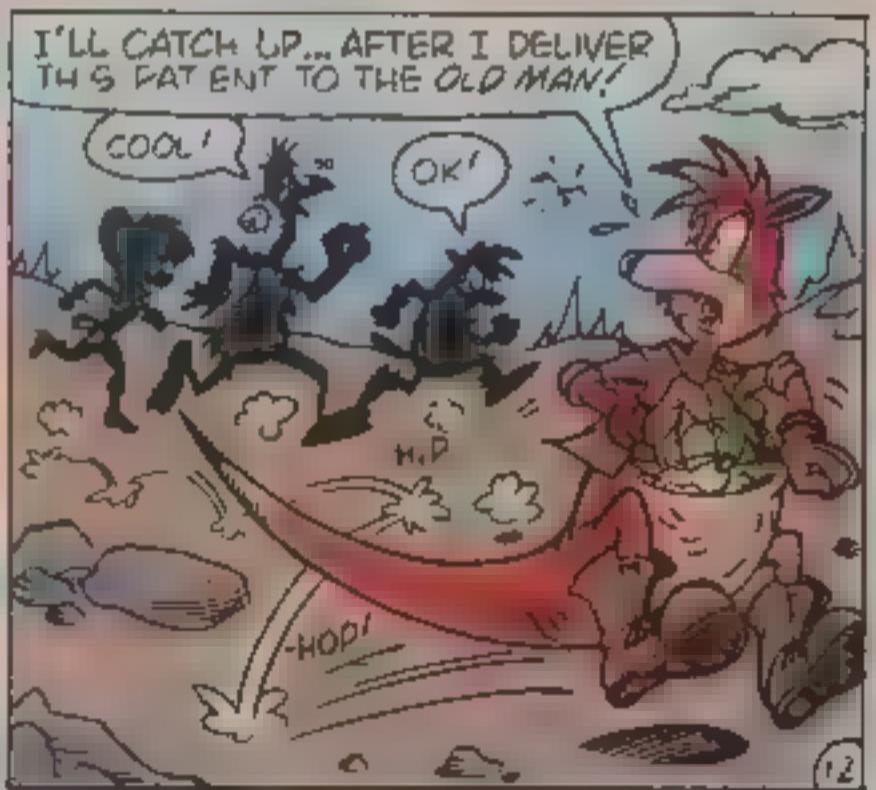
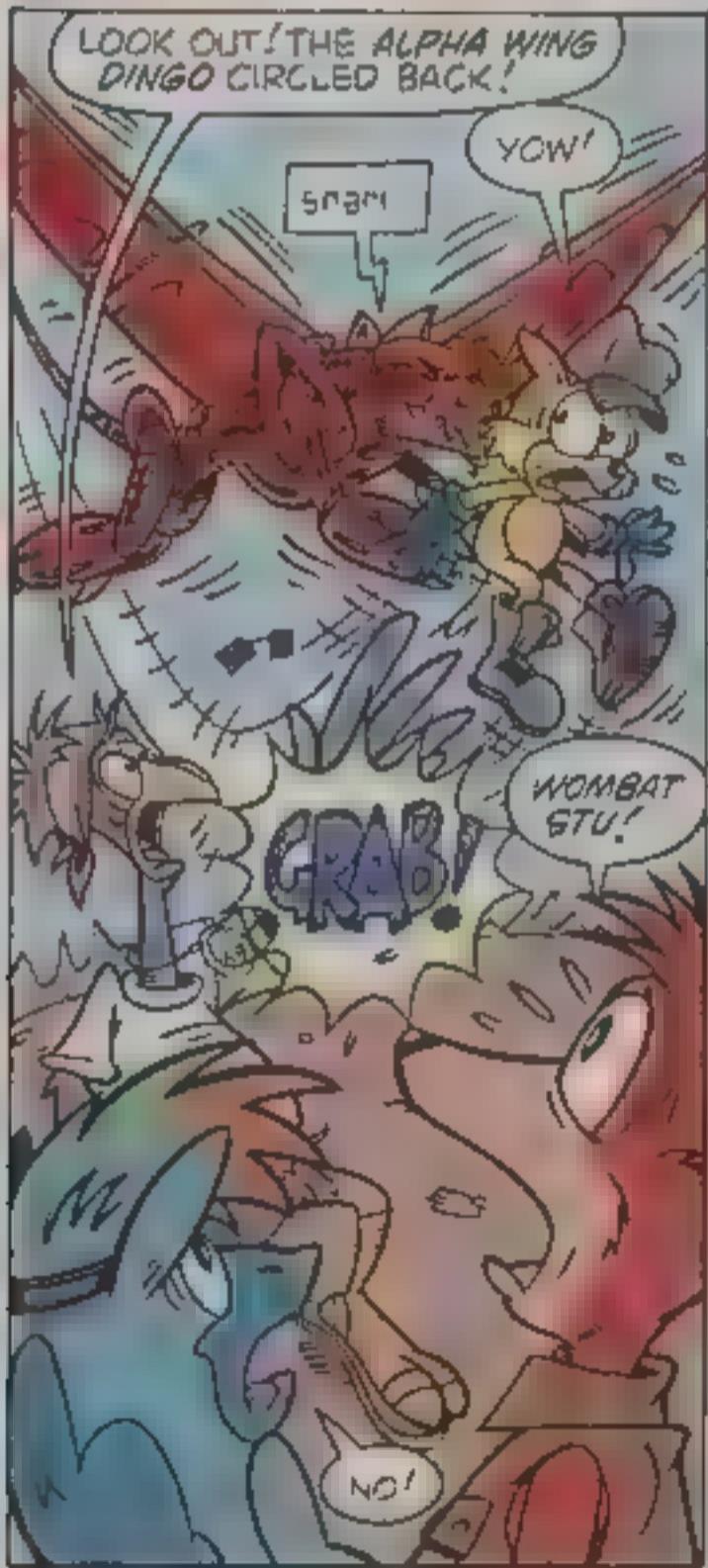


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HELP IT, MATE!





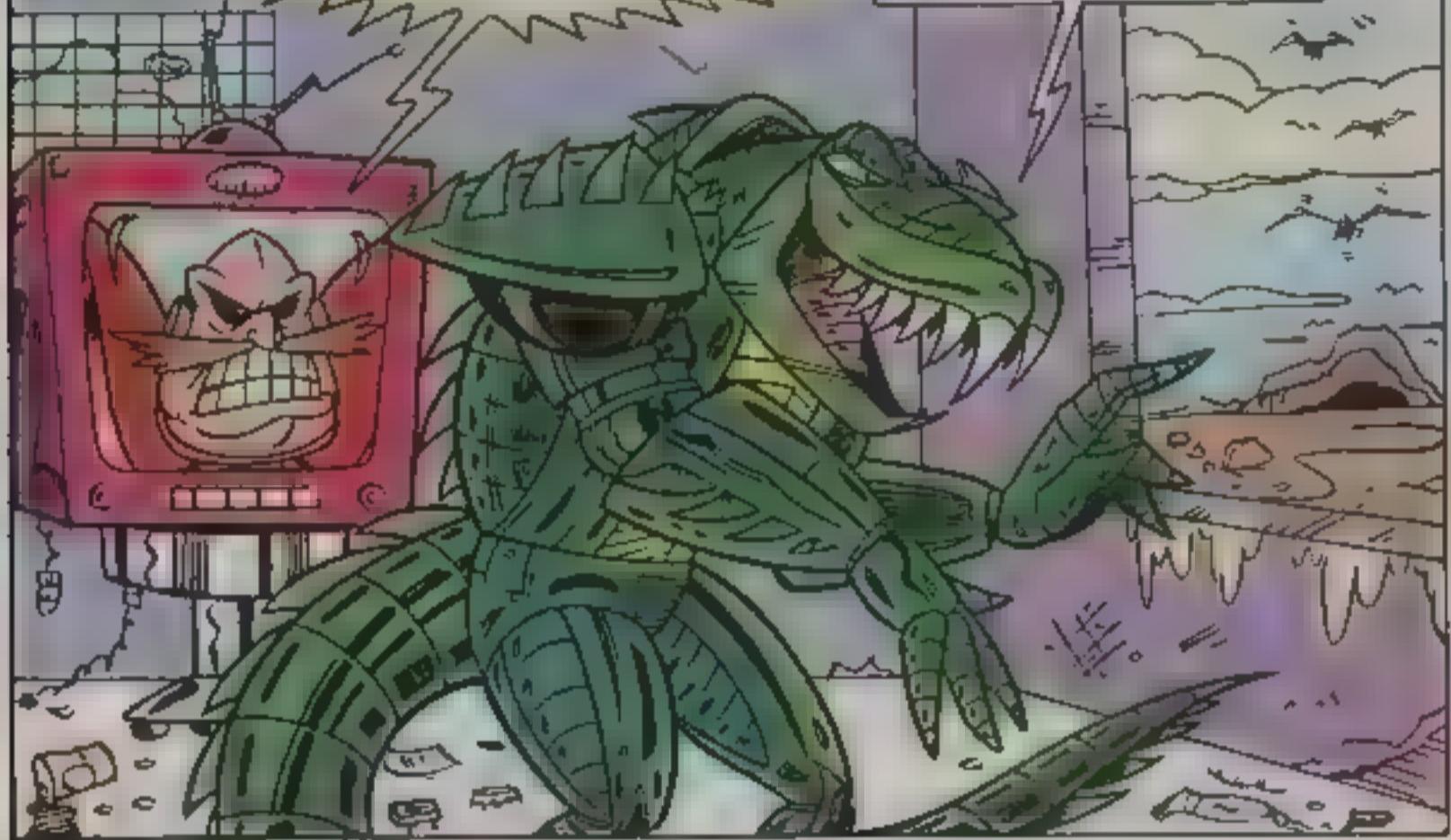




JUST THEN:

CROCBOT! THE SUPPLY B. MP
IS ABOUT TO MAKE LANDFALL!
HAVE YOU DEALT W TH THE
INTRUDER?

YOU BETTERA TAPLE CHINS
I HAVE! HERE COME MY
WING DINGOES er
WELL, SOME OF THEM



KTHUNK!

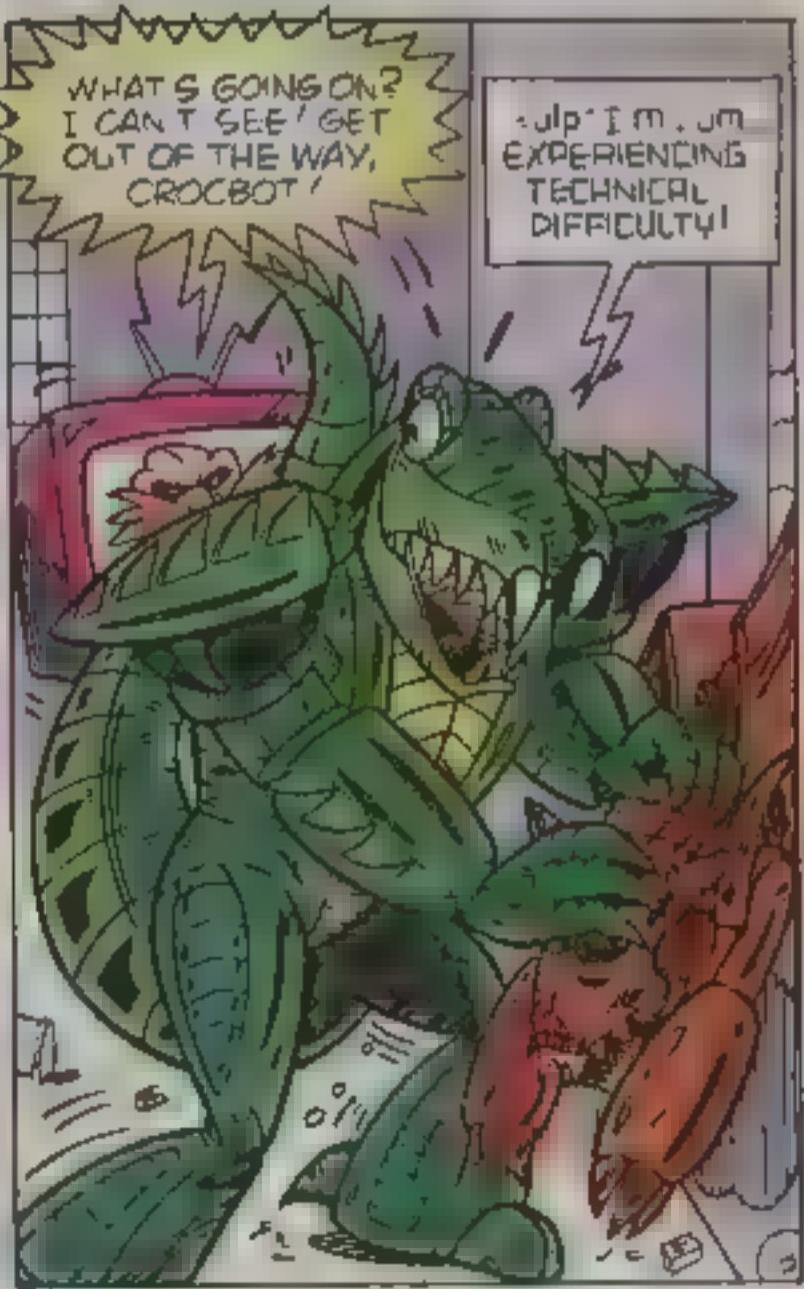
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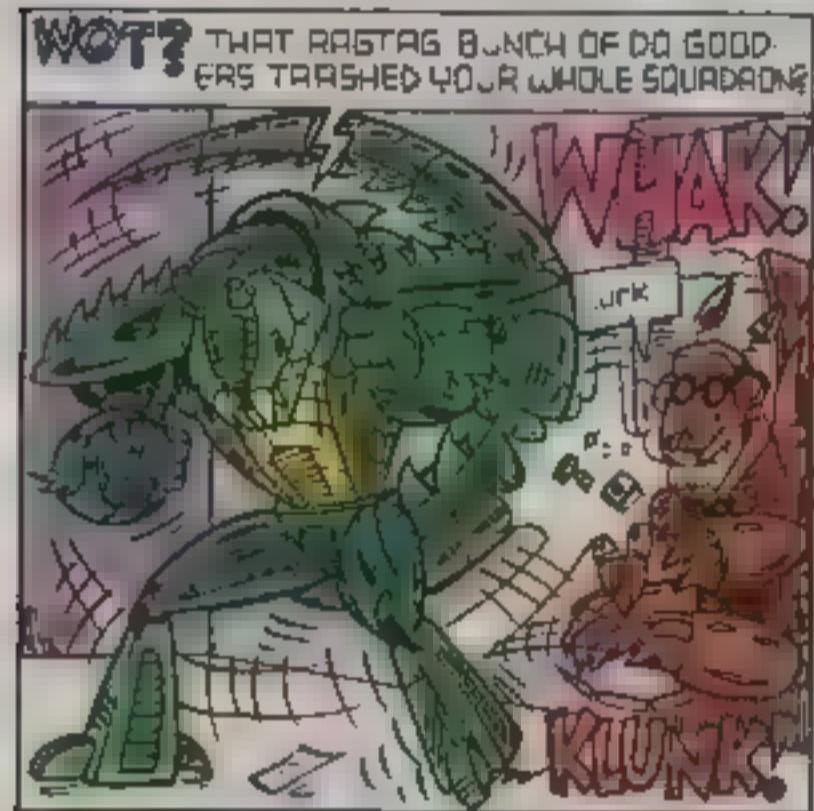
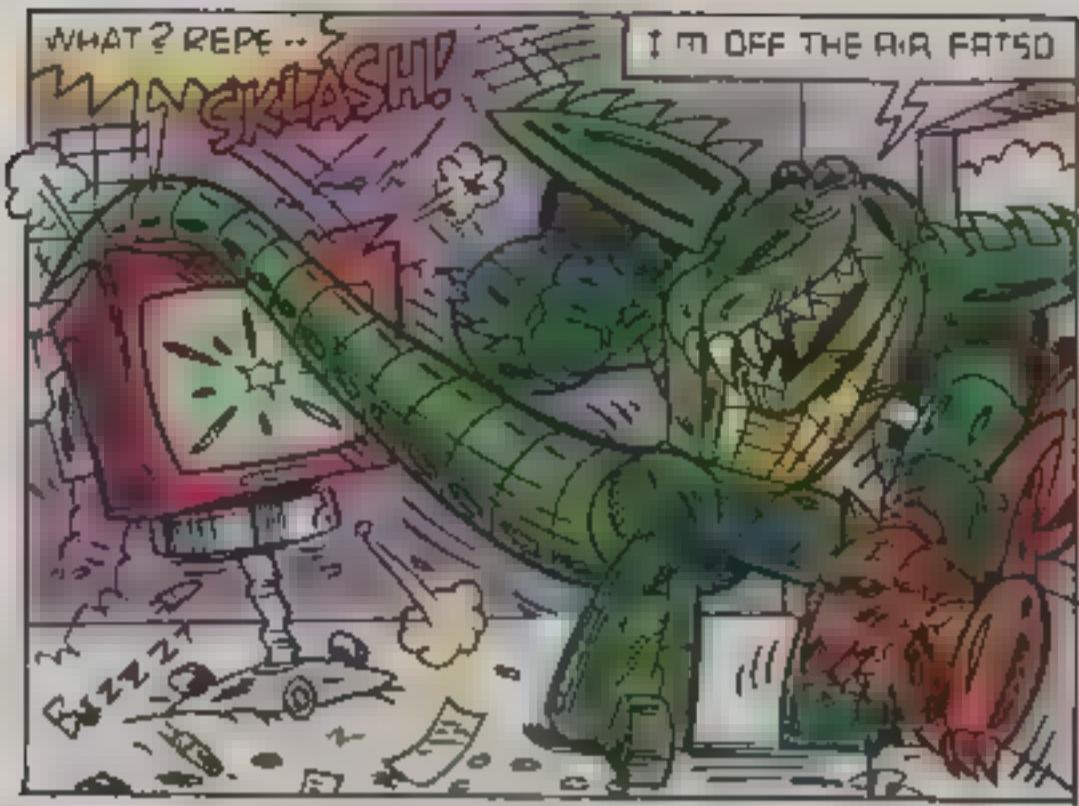
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KLANK!

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OUT OF THE WAY,
CROCBOT!

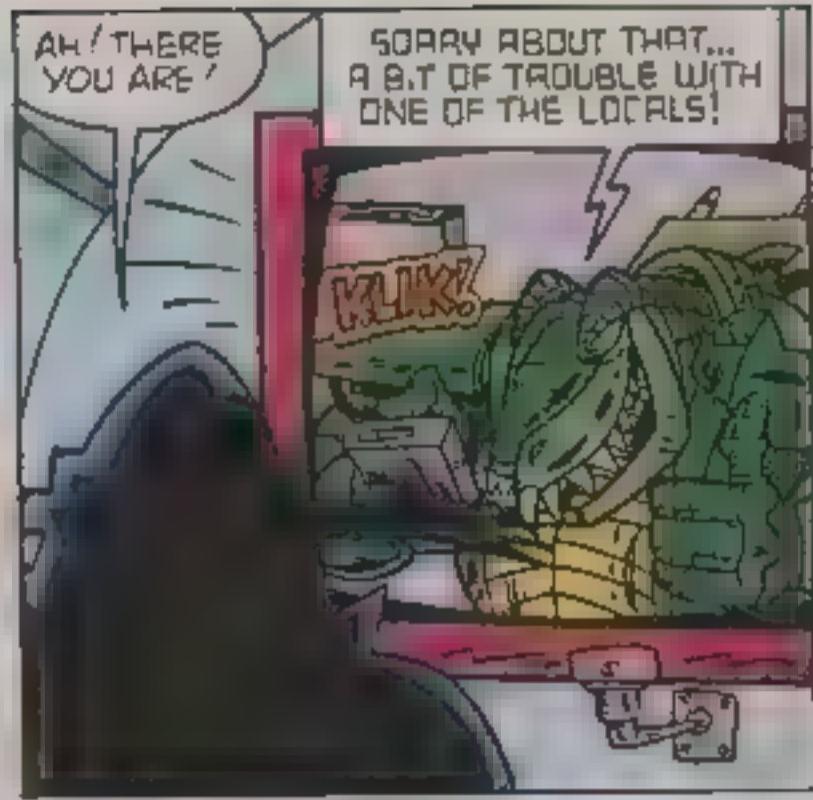
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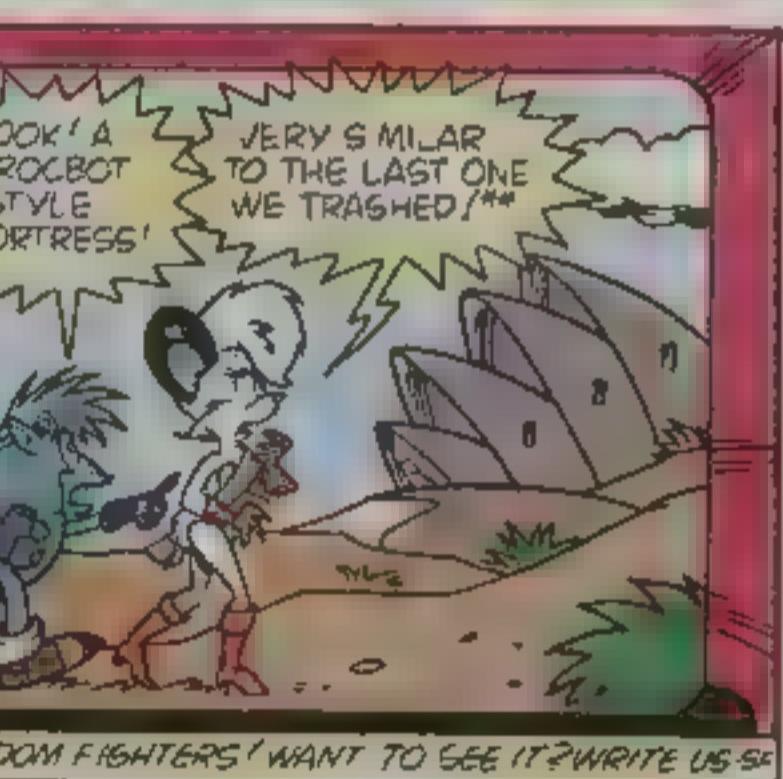
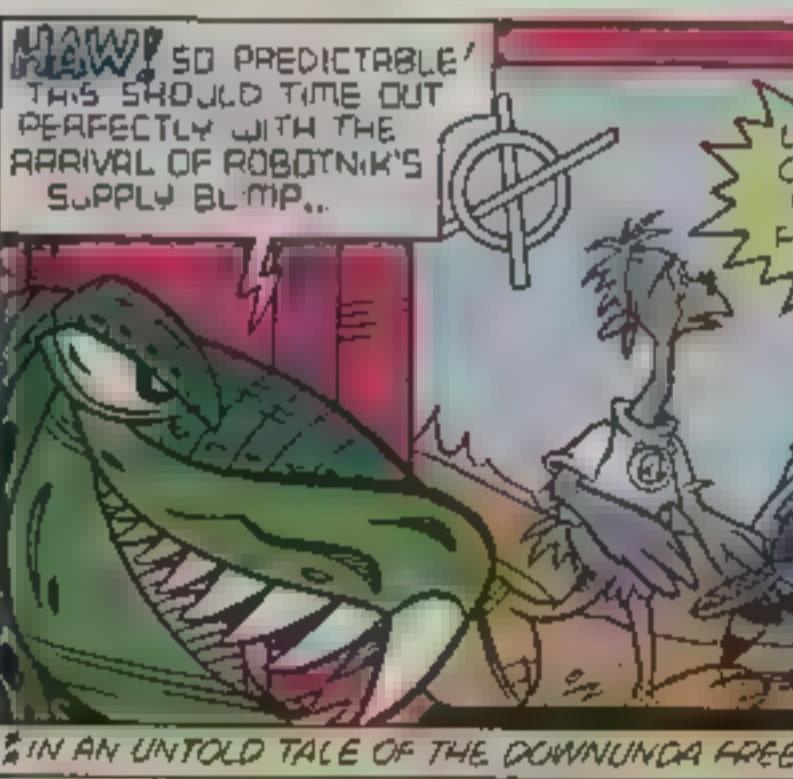
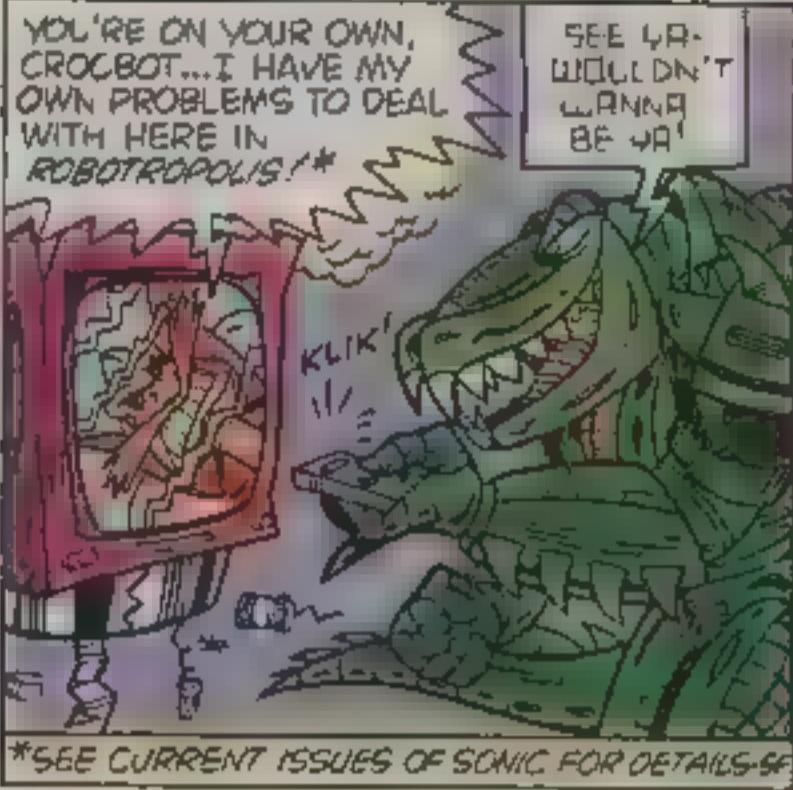


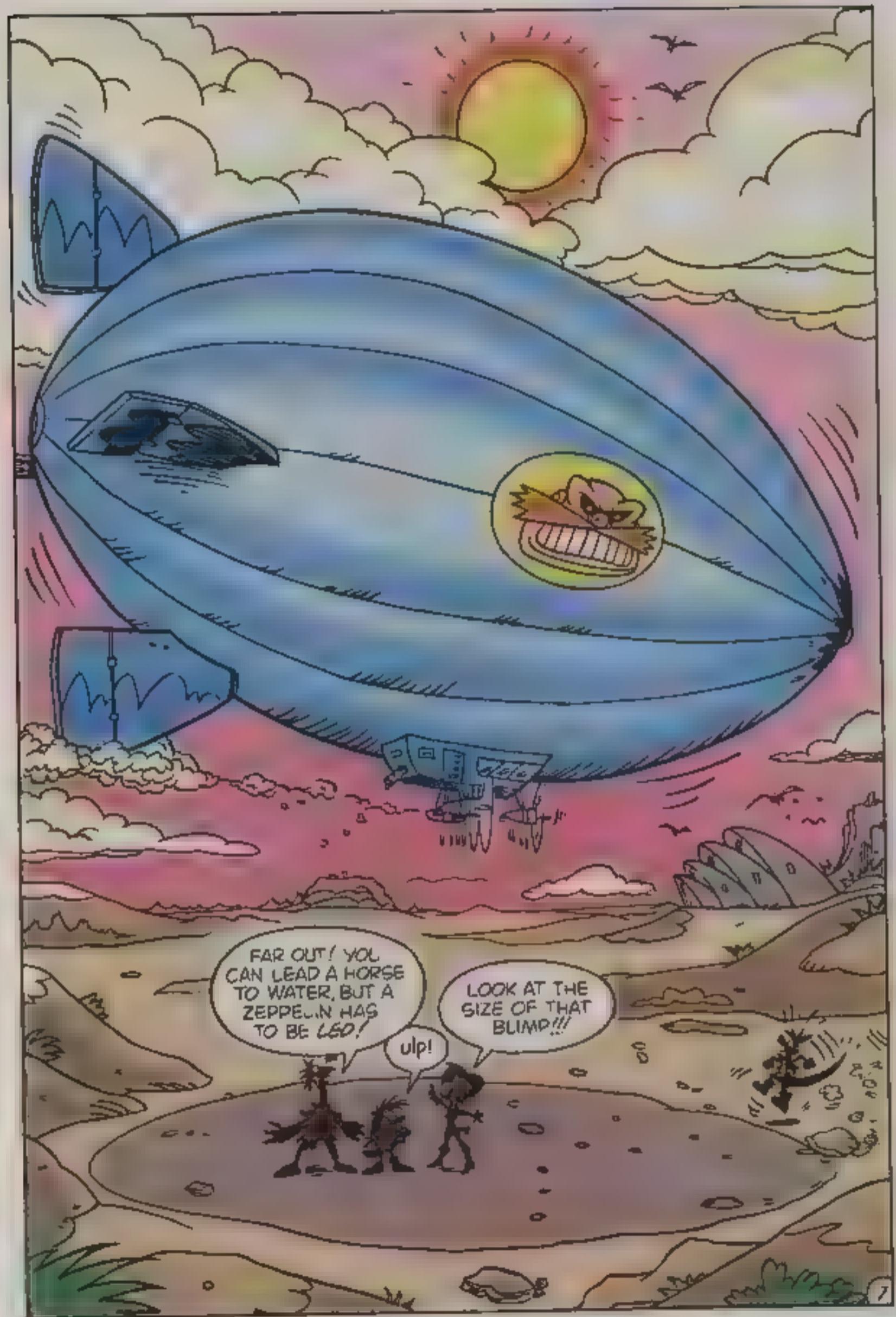


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WOMBAT STU!







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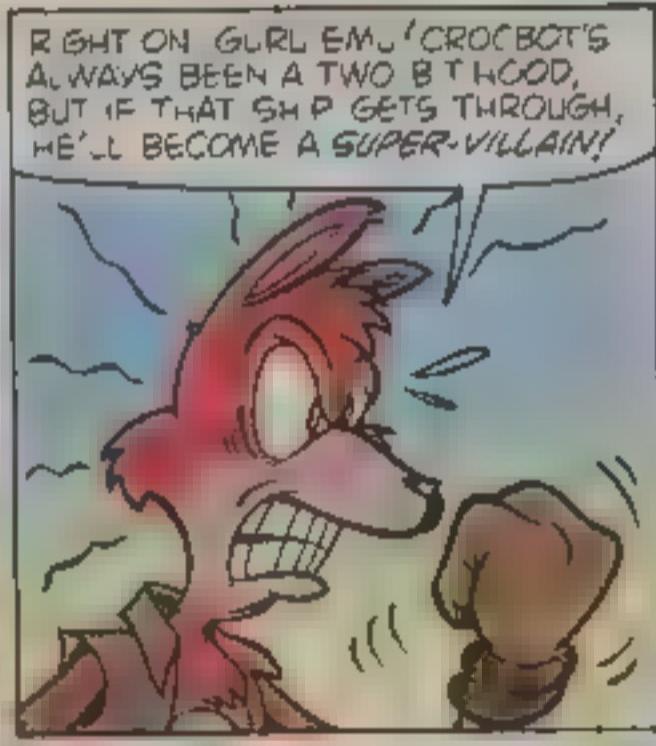
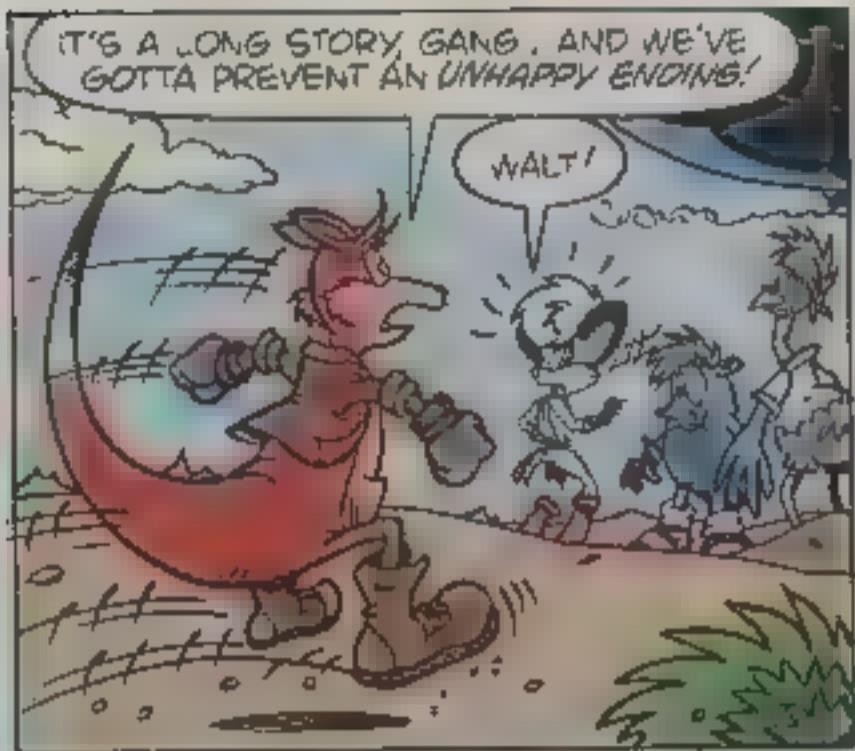
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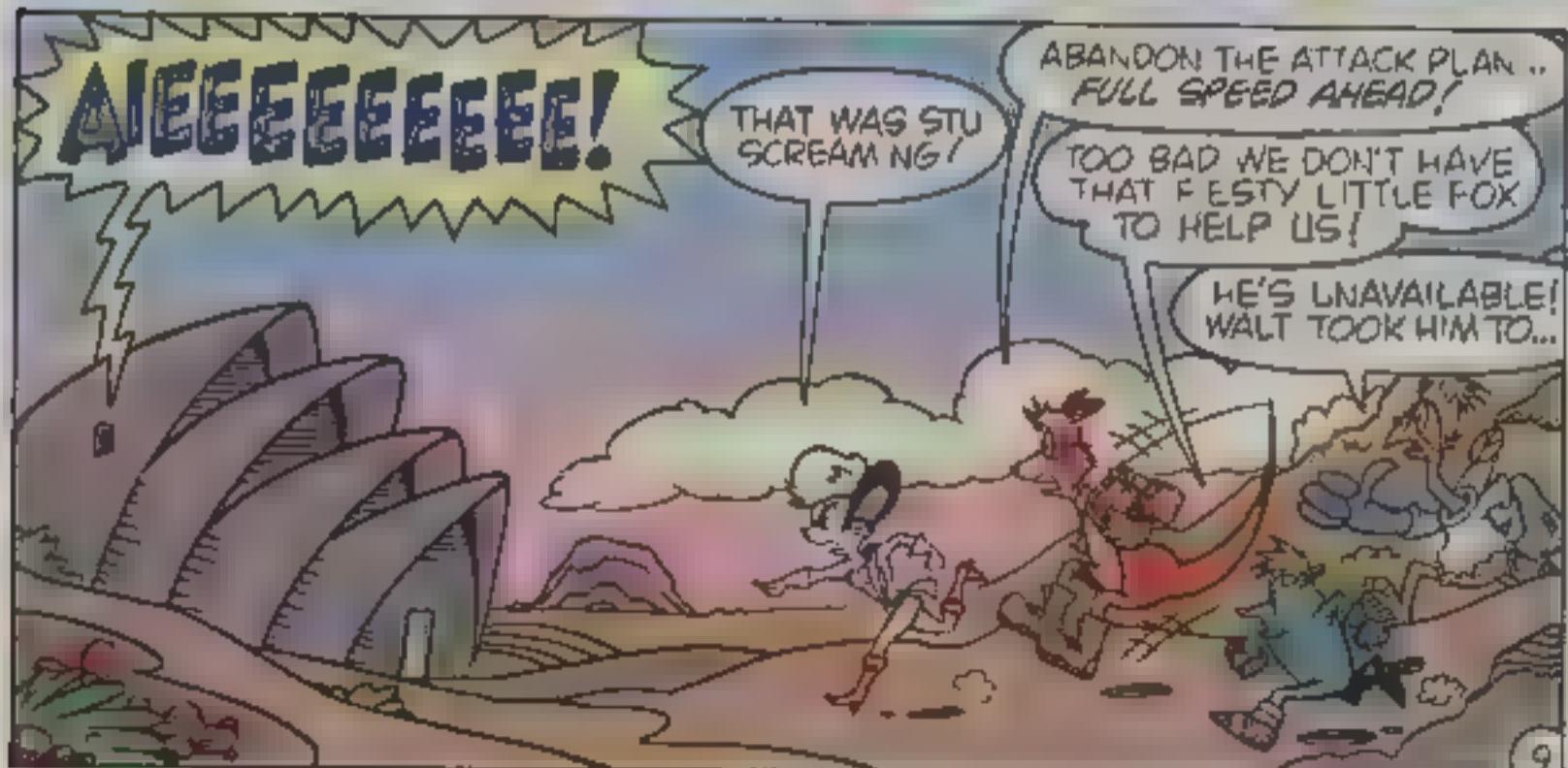
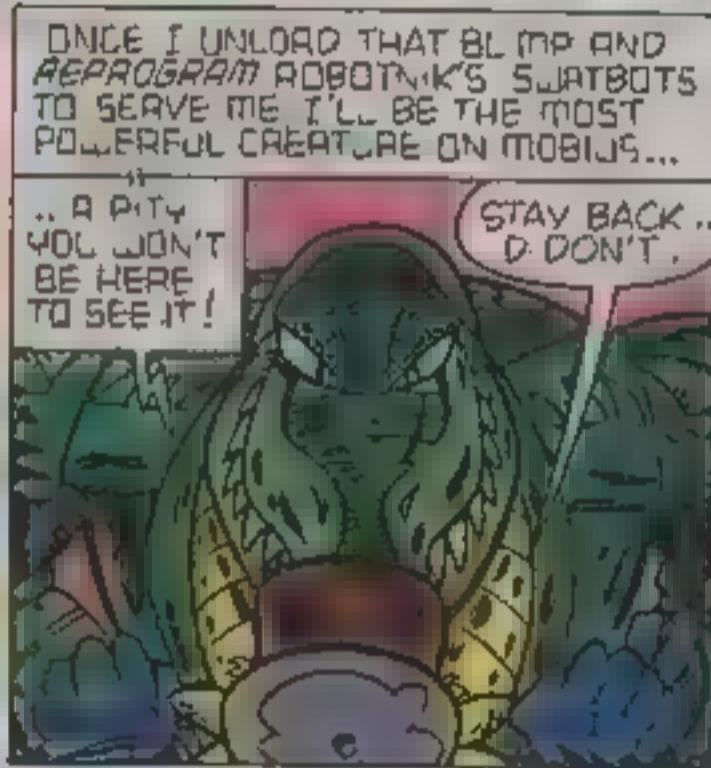
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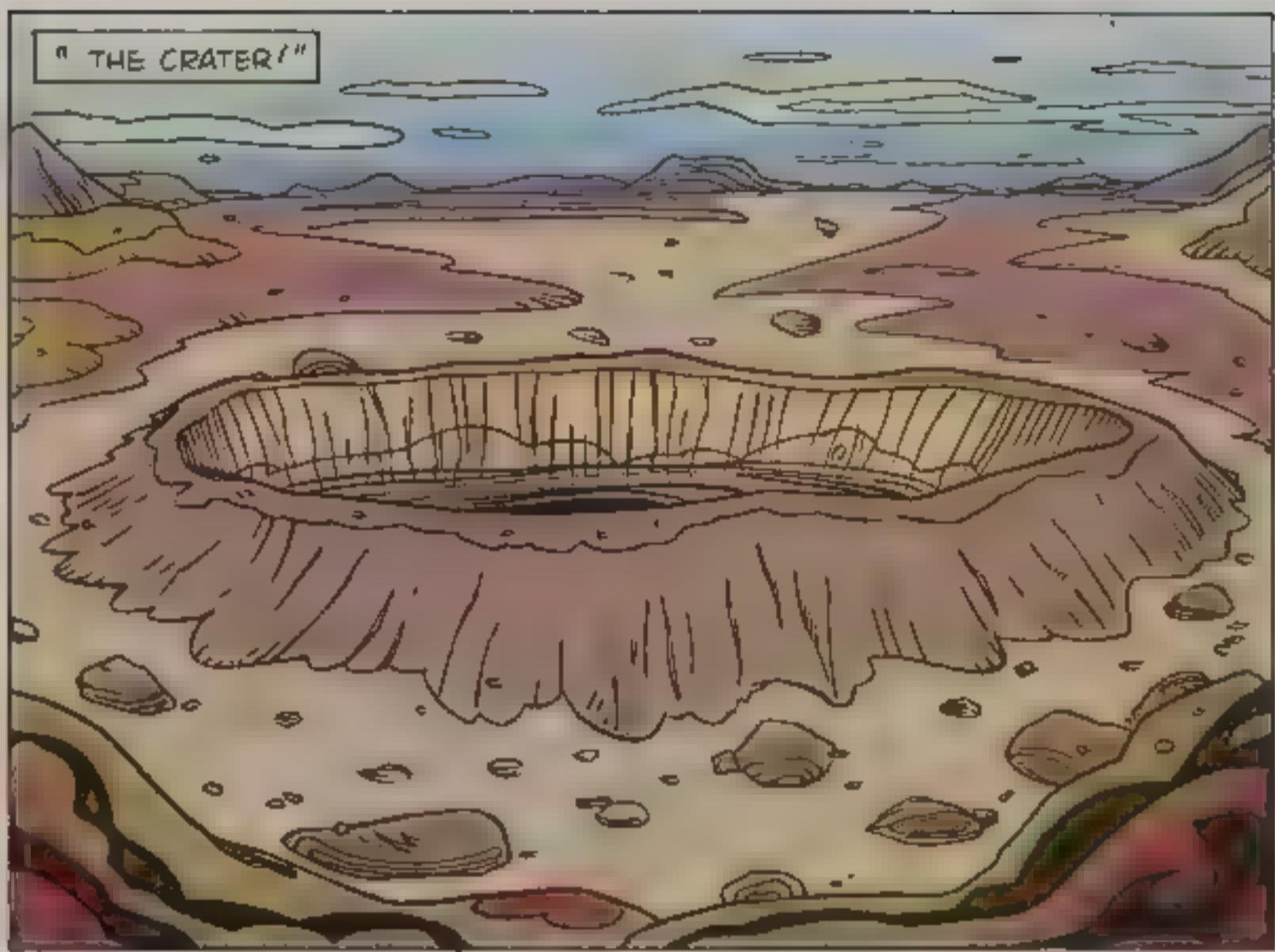
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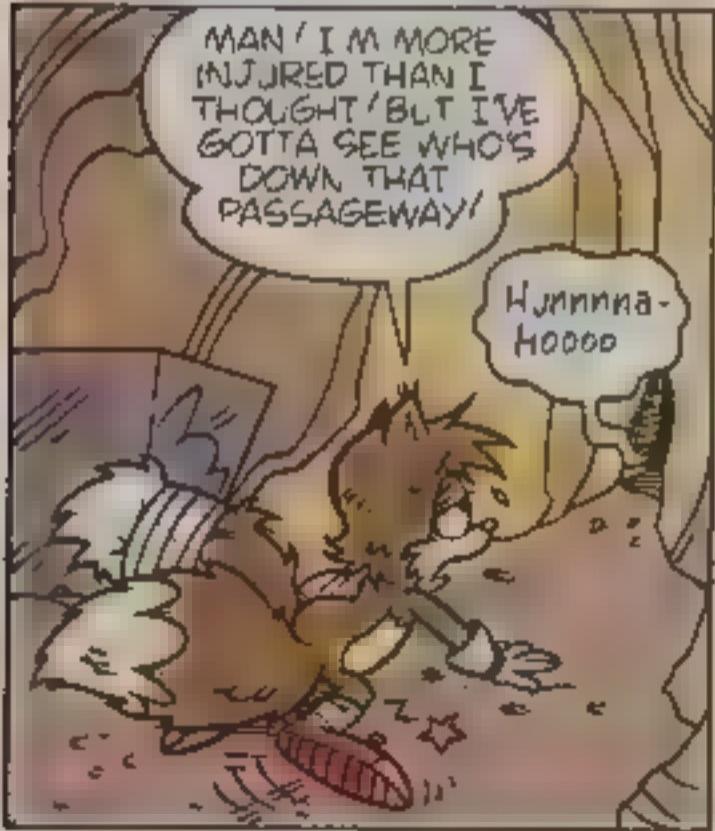
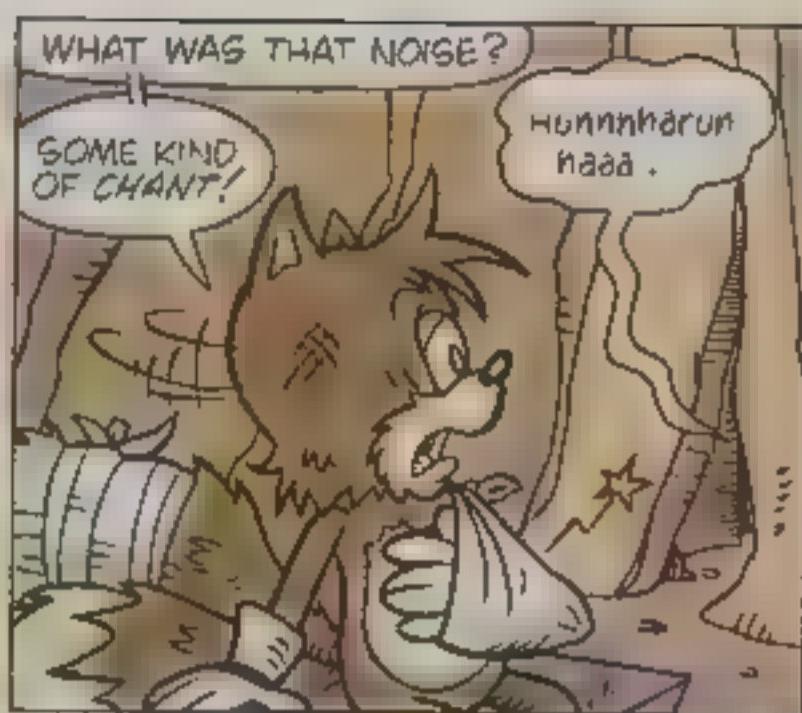
"THE CRATER!"



OOOoooooh.. MY ACH NG--
EVERYTHING! ANYBODY GET THE
NUMBER OF THAT BUS? Who-ha'



I REMEMBER NOW! THE DOGS--THE
WALLABEE 'WHERE'D HE BR NG ME?



HOLY GLACAMOLE!
LOOK AT THESE
STATUES... "THE
ANCIENT WALKERS?"
WHO ARE THEY?*

ANCIENT WALKERS



* YOU KNOW MORE THAN TAILS IF YOU READ "TRIPLE TROUBLE SPECIAL" - Scott

THESE ARE YOUR
FOREBEARERS, YOUNG
MILES PROWER!

A VOICE--COMING
FROM THE SHADOWS...



YOU HAVE MUCH
TO LEARN... AND
TIME ALREADY
GROWS SHORT!

THAT SILHOUETTE, THOSE
DREADLOCKS . IT'S YOU...

KNUCKLES!



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GUARDS THE FLOATING
ISLAND... THOUGH MY
BLOOD FLOWS THROUGH
HIS VEINS!

AND WHAT
OF YOUR BLOOD
DOUBLE TAIL? ARE
YOU INDEED THE
CHOSEN ONE?

WE SHALL KNOW--
WE MUST KNOW! YOU
ARE MINE... BODY AND
SOUL! SO SPEAKS...

ATHAIR!

:gulp!:

"GULP" INDEED! WHO IS THIS WEIRD OLD GUY AND WHAT ARE HIS INTENTIONS? WILL TAILS BE ABLE TO REJOIN THE DOWNUNDER FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN THEIR FINAL CONFRONTATION WITH CROCBOT? BEYOND THAT, WILL HE EVER GO HOME? DOES HE EVEN WANT TO? ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS PLUS MORE SURPRISES IN THE FINAL CHAPTER OF "SOUTHERN CROSSOVER!" ON SALE DEC. '95!

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With this issue .. after many months of wind-blowing on my part, you have finally witnessed the debut of the **Downunda Freedom Fighters!** I hope you liked them as much as Mike, Dave, Spaz and Harvo liked creating them. Next issue, you'll thrill to the awesome conclusion of "Southern Crossover", discover such things as the fate of Wombat Stu, the secret identity of Athair and the outcome of the battle between our brave heroes and the terrifying Crocbot!

Lest you think Tails is "hogging" the limelight (and why shouldn't he?) remember, the original "hog"--Hedgehog that s--is still out there doing his super speed thing. That's right, **Sonic #30** is still on sale and you can be the first one on your block to read about **"The Return of Uncle Chuck!"**

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I've said it before and I'll say it again, this month and next are going to be the best months ever for fans of Sonic, Tails, Knuckles and every Freedom Fighter in the world! See you next month!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sot'.

DEAR TAILS

Dear Tails,
I think you are the coolest fox around. I've liked you ever since your first appearance in Sonic 2 for Genesis. My little sis thinks you are a gigantic stuffed animal! Hope they show a Tails comic or video game starring you! How long have you been in the Sonic comic?

David Vargas,
Montebello, CA

Hey, Dave! You sound like a cool guy, too! Looks like you got your wish--I'm the star of this comic, not Sonic or Sally! Also, I've been shown in Sonic's comic series since the very first issue--Sonic mini-series #0.

Dear Sonic,
Hi, my name is Matt and I'm seven. My favorite Freedom Fighter is Tails. I think Tails should have his own comic book series. I have some questions: 1) What are the purple guy with the horn's and the crocodile's names? 2) What kind of animal is the purple guy with the horn?

Matt Egli
Bend, OR

Hey, Matt, Tails here! Just like I told Dave, I finally got a comic all to myself! What do you

think?! The purple guy with the horn is Espio and he's a chameleon. The crocodile's name is Vector. You can catch both those guys as well as Mighty, Charmy, Heavy, Bomb and even Sonic and myself in Knuckles' Chaotix 48-page Special #1!



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TAILS #3



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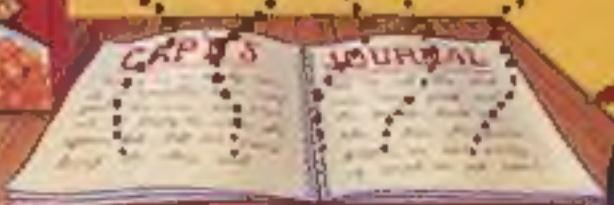
Tim picked
mountain
bikes.
We had
a bowl
of my
delicious
cereal.
Sent blue
suit to cleaners.

taste!

Tim can't wait
to give speech.
Maybe all he
needed was to
crunch up his
confidence.
Cleaned my
room.

Tim's speech
was terrific!
Got applause
from the whole
class. I knew
he could do it.

Weekend!
Time to go to
national
speed
boat
races!



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